

# 91st Illinois General Assembly Senate Transcript

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

1st Legislative Day

December 13, 1999

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The Senate will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Reverend Eric Hansen, First Assembly of God Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Hansen.

THE REVEREND ERIC HANSEN:

(Prayer by the Reverend Eric Hansen)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben. ...Chair has some requests for videotaping: WBBM-TV Channel 2, WLS-TV, WCIA-TV, WMAQ-TV, CLTV News and WGN, and FOX-TV. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. We also have requests from Associated Press, for still photos, and News 20 and WIND {sic} (WAND). Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Communications from the Secretary of State. Read the Communications.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate.

Dear Sir - Enclosed is a copy of Proclamation No. 99-524,

filed in my office on December 9, 1999, by Governor George H. Ryan, calling for a Special Session of the 91st General Assembly, to begin at 1 o'clock p.m. on December 13, 1999. A notice and accompanying Proclamation has been mailed to each Member's Springfield office; and, by certified mail, to each Member's home district office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

To the Honorable Members, Illinois General Assembly - Pursuant to 25 ILCS 15-3 {sic} (15/3), I hereby notify you that the Governor has exercised his power, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, to call a Special Session of the 91st General Assembly at 1 o'clock p.m. on

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December 13th, 1999, by the filing of Proclamation 99-524 in this office on December 9th, 1999.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The Senate is convened in the First -- I'm sorry. Read the Proclamation.

SECRETARY HARRY:

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 99-524)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senate is convened in the First Special Session. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

...personal privilege, Mr. President. On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Make your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I told you, couple weeks ago when we were here, old Senators never die. Berman is back. I told you he'd be back. And, you know, I guess we didn't do it right. I guess we'll have to make all those speeches over again. Welcome back, Art. Glad to have you here. Happy holidays.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

As it has been the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted by the 91st General Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for the continuous period of the 91st General Assembly, including the Special Session. Three organizational resolutions will be adopted today. These resolutions inform the House that the Senate is ready to conduct business, create a Senate Committee of five to wait upon the Governor, and create a Senate Committee of three to approve the Journals. Resolution, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 1, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Weaver, to explain the resolution. Oh. Oh. I'm sorry. Move the adoption -- Senator Weaver moves the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution No. 2, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Weaver moves the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor, signify by saying Yes. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The -- the resolution's adopted. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 3, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. Those in favor will signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules have -- suspended. Senator

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Weaver has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Senator Karpriel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President. For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your announcement.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

There will be a Republican Caucus in Senator Philip's Office immediately.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to announce, please, that there will be a Democratic Caucus in Senator Emil Jones' Office immediately at the close of this meeting.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The Senate will stand at ease, the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

The Senate will come to order. The Senate will come to order.

The Senate will stand in recess until 5:30.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

The Senate will come to order. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Dillard moves that the Senate stand adjourned until 9 a.m., Tuesday, December 14th, 1999. Senate is adjourned.

